

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PGOV WB GE GW US UR UK  
SUBJECT: FRG DISCUSSIONS WITH GDR AND SOVIETS ON FLAG  
TOURS AND BERLIN STATUS

REFS: (A) USBER 1611; (B) BONN 9956

1. WE ARE ALSO SURPRISED AND ANNOYED THAT FRG OFFICIALS  
ARE DISCUSSING THE PATROLS ISSUE WITH THE SOVIETS AND THE  
EAST GERMANS. BUT WE DOUBT THE WISDOM OF MAKING A FORMAL  
DEMARCHE TO THE GERMANS ON THE SUBJECT.

2. THE FRENCH BONN GROUP REP (GAUSSOT), LIKE HIS  
BERLIN COLLEAGUE, HAS SUGGESTED A STIFF COMMENT ON THE  
MATTER TO THE FRG IN THE BONN GROUP. BOTH THE US AND THE  
UK REPS WERE COOL TO THE IDEA, BUT IT MAY BE THAT  
GAUSSOT IS NEVERTHELESS REQUESTING INSTRUCTIONS FROM  
PARIS.

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3. IT WAS UNUSUAL FOR US TO RECEIVE THE FULL TEXT OF  
A GAUS REPORTING TELEGRAM, AND WE WOULD NOT HAVE  
RECEIVED THIS ONE IF LUECKING HAD NOT ATTENDED THE  
BONN GROUP MEETING ON JUNE 13. HE HAD BEFORE HIM AT  
THE MEETING A ONE-PAGE BRIEFING PAPER FOR INFORMING THE  
ALLIES OF THE GAUS-SEIDEL CONVERSATION CONCERNING THE

CDU RALLY. WHEN HE LOOKED AT THAT HE ASKED HIS ASSISTANTS IN WHISPERED CONVERSATION IF THEY DID NOT HAVE THE FULL TELEGRAM. WHEN THEY PRODUCED IT, HE ASKED THAT COPIES BE XEROXED FOR DISTRIBUTION. (BECAUSE OF THE PRESSURE OF OTHER BUSINESS, LUECKING HAS RARELY ATTENDED BONN GROUP MEETINGS IN RECENT MONTHS, AND HIS DEPUTY, HENZE, HAS SHOWN MARKEDLY LESS CONFIDENCE IN HIS AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE FULL INFORMATION TO THE ALLIES.

3. THE EMBASSY VIEW, WHICH WE HAVE EXPRESSED TO GAUSSOT, IS THAT A COMPLAINT ABOUT WHAT GAUS IS DISCUSSING WOULD PROBABLY NOT AFFECT HIS CONVERSATION PATTERNS BUT CERTAINLY WOULD AFFECT THE WILLINGNESS OF THE FRG TO INFORM US ON HIS CONVERSATIONS. THE UK BONN GROUP REP SHARES THIS VIEW.

4. WHEN A SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF WE WILL EXPRESS SURPRISE PRIVATELY TO LUECKING THAT GAUS AND HIS STAFF RAISED THE PATROL MATTER IN CONVERSATIONS IN EAST BERLIN. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE TO GO BEYOND THAT.  
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